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The Parish Council is looking for input from residents. In past years they have initiated various consultations including a Village Survey (which led to threats of street lighting outside our house - thanks a lot!) and the Village Design Survey. Councillors have also consulted less formally on many issues, most notably, on planning applications.

Time now for you again to set the agenda. Two chances to express your views are at the public meetings: Feb 6th on speed limits & Mar 17th on your ideas for the Parish future so please be there. Suggestion Box for latter meeting will appear in the PO or noble a councillor with your ideas.

All change at the Craven. Regular users and the rest all hope the new tenants keep its reputation as a relaxing place for a drink or a good meal. We wish the Hughes's well whilst questioning the sanity of an one taking on an 18 hours a day, 7 days a week commitment. They do have the simplest phone number in the village (820410) so give the new regime a try.

Good to hear of Gill's new cup for the Produce Show (Page 2). We're a bit worried about the traditional cooking side - all that whisking and beating and no lumps in the gravy. Is there a bacon sandwich section?

Good Neighbours Scheme completed another year. Don't forget to ring the coordinators if you've a transport problem.

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SPEED LIMITS

Do Signs Spell Safety?



The Parish Council want to know what you think about the signs which will be required if the planned speed limits for the villages are implemented.

There is a view that the inherent urbanisation that the signs bring with them will detract from the rural nature of the villages and may outweigh the advantages of the speed limits, given that 30mph is too fast for some parts of the village and may be largely ignored on the more open stretches of roads. Up to now the PC has been lobbying the Road Traffic Department for the limits. What do you think? Do we continue to pursue it or look for alternatives? Please let us have your views.

30 and 40 mph zones cover Sevenhampton & Brockhampton

The proposed speed restricted zone covers Sevenhampton from just South of 'Webb's Lane' (the one with the ford) all the way to Cotehay Cottages on the Winchcomberoad, Lower Sevenhampton, all of Brockhampton to just above 'Elsdon View'. It includes all the side roads. Park Lane and Gassons Lane are excluded.

The speed limit will be 30mph for the whole zone other than between Manor Farm and Brockhampton Park where it will be 40mph. There will be 'terminal' signs (approx 2ft diam.) on both sides of the road where the limit starts/ends and where it changes from 30 to 40m.p.h. Smaller 'repeater' signs (approx 1ft diam.) will be erected at intervals of about 200m (220yds) on alternate sides of the road in the 30mph zones. There will be one set of repeaters half way along the 40mph zone.

A copy of a map showing the approximate location of the signs is in the post office and you can view it on the internet: www.sevenhampton.info/speedlimits.

To find out what you think there will be a

Public Meeting

On Friday 6th February 2004

At 7:30pm

in the Rhodes Memorial Hall, Brockhampton

If you can't make the meeting, please let the Parish Council have your views by contacting the parish clerk, Mrs Ann van Rossem, The Old Shop, Brockhampton, (ann.vanrossem@lineone.net). Or talk to a parish councillor. (Lesley Ball, Bill Jenkin, Thomas Jackson, Alex Ash, Jon Davis, Ashley Tobin & Charles Arkell).



Magic Lantern Nights.

New Landlords at the 'Craven'.

Steve & Susie Hughes from Warwickshire with two daughters, moved into the pub just before Christmas. It was a bit of a baptism of fire as they were faced with the annual Christmas 'locals night' almost on day one and, because of a leak, had to cope with the New Year celebrations without any gas in the kitchen - despite this they somehow managed to produce almost 50 splendid three course meals on New Years Eve!

They will become tenants of the 'Brockhampton Village Pub Company' formed by a group of locals and regulars to buy the pub in order to preserve it as a pub. The Campbells, after more than 15 years, are being forced to sell because of Dale's ill health.

Our best wishes for the future go to both the Hughes and Campbell families.

It's not too late to invest in the village pub company

- contact Charles Arkell on 820581



What do you want for the village?

The Parish Council Needs to Know

In order to draw up a village plan which accurately reflects the views of the residents the Parish Council is asking for ideas. What project do you think would improve the village? **Please come and discuss it in the Village Hall on Wednesday March 17th at 7:00pm** and watch out for a suggestions box to be placed in the Post Office. Or talk to a parish councillor (see page 1).

Broadband Campaign

Trigger Reached

The good news is that we have hit the 'trigger level' of over 150 registrations of interest. BT will now examine the logistics of converting the exchange and a RFS (Ready for Service) date will be announced. Although the RFS date is on average about 22 weeks from reaching the trigger level it is dependent on how much work is needed at the exchange.

For the most up to date information please visit the Campaign for Andover and Broadband website at www.sevenhampton.info/cab.

Coffee Morning



Win a cushion

in the 'cushion raffle' at the Coffee Morning to be held on

Saturday 20th March 2004

From 10 to 12.30

In Rhodes Hall, Brockhampton.

Proceeds are in aid of new facilities for an orphanage in Thailand

Information: Georgina Oldham 820423

Produce Show

New Cup, "Garden" Theme

for 28th August 2004

The schedule and recipe will soon be delivered to every home but there is some advance warning of some of the changes.

The old cookery section has been split and there is a new cup - *the Gill La n-fear Cookery Cup* (generously donated by Gill) for the new section covering 10 items of cookery, however it will be made up of lots of our old favourites so there is no need to get out the Gordon Ramsey cookbook you had for Christmas.

The theme is "The Garden" to celebrate the 200th birthday of the RHS. In addition to the usual garden produce items there will be a Country Garden Floral arrangement and a floral arrangement including fruit and a foliage featuring wood. So don't forget to pick up some driftwood next time you're on the beach.

The subjects for photographs are: In The Garden; a smile; Water.

Good news for junior exhibitors. The prize money has been increased to £1 for first, 75p for second and 50p for third. Some of the subjects are:

- under 5's: a picture of a flower.
- 5 - 7: a picture of a garden.
- 8 - 10: a picture of a watering can.
- 11 - 14: Photograph a garden gate, design a seed packet.

In addition to the grand draw there will be a **Super Draw** - for one prize only - **2 return tickets on Eurostar**. However we would still like your contributions for the grand draw. Finally, entry fees per class are now 20p for grown ups and 10p for juniors.

Rural Queens at Brockhampton CALENDAR GIRLS

The y dropped everything for a good cause

18th Feb, 7:30 p.m.

in Rhodes Memorial Hall,

Tickets: £2.50,

from Brockhampton Post Office.

W.I. JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 13th March 2004

At 2.15 p.m.

In Rhodes Memorial Hall,
Brockhampton.

Bargains, Raffle, Teas

The Luncheon Club

For the Luncheon Club 2003 ended appropriately with two Christmas meals, one at Dumbleton and our own modest meal at Rhodes Hall. Dumbleton Hall literally provide a warm welcome with a large log fire and a beautiful Christmas tree. As usual the event was all we hoped for - good food with friendly service. Later, in December, sixteen meals were served in the village hall and our thanks go to Bob for fetching them from Presbury throughout the year and to Vanessa for all her help. We would also like to thank Bob Chandler for his annual support.

Our year included the garden coffee mornings, a fund-raising garden party, a recent shopping trip to Evesham Country Park and, more importantly, four new members joined us, Dot, Rosemary, Viv and Noel - welcome.

Contacts: Rita Rhone 01684 293493; Mildred Jarman 01242 820462.

Bus Timetable

Regular users will know that the Pulham's bus service to Cheltenham has been running to an altered timetable since last Autumn. For those of you who are only occasional users the differences are:

- there is no bus into Cheltenham on Saturday afternoons;
- the Saturday shopper's bus goes in 5 minutes earlier and leaves from Royal Well at 1.00pm;
- the Monday evening service from Royal Well leaves 5 minutes later at 5.45pm.



From photograph by Sheila Agius

Mont	Sat	S	TTh
Brockhampton (Old Shop)	08:00	09:30	09:35
Sevenhampton (Church La.)	08:03	09:33	09:38
Royal Well	08:28	10:00	10:05
Mont	Sat	TTh	S
Royal Well	12:00	13:00	17:45
Sevenhampton	12:20	13:20	18:05
Brockhampton	12:25	13:25	18:10



The Sixth AGM

Of the Good Neighbour scheme has been held and the scheme is running smoothly. Journeys have been undertaken to a variety of destinations and were much appreciated by the users.

The standard charges to cover costs will not be increased this year.

If you need a help with transport, prescriptions, shopping give a call or drop in:

☎ Sheila Agius 820102

☎ Fay Swain 820402

☎ Di Brown 820271